REMARKS

Amendments to and Status of Claims

With this paper, claims 10, 12, 13, 19, 20, 34, 35, and 50 have been amended to ensure proper claim dependency. Claims 1-7, 11, 14-18, 23-27, and 36-49 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Now pending are claims 8-10, 12, 13, 19-22, 28-35, and 50. No new matter has been added.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that certain claims recite allowable subject matter. Further consideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

Objections to the Claims

In the Office Action, claims 10, 34, and 35 were objected to as being in improper form. Applicants note that these claims have been amended to ensure proper claim dependency. The claims as pending have proper claim dependency, and the objection has been overcome and should be withdrawn. Applicants note that claims 10, 34, and 35 are dependent upon claims indicated to be allowed, and it is believed that each of claims 10, 34, and 35 is also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. Should any of the claims not be found to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss the application. Applicants thank the Examiner in advance for this courtesy.

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The undersigned conditionally requests any extension of time necessary for response. The Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 64350(70904).

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